

## Locals.

## FARMERS' NATIONAL ALLIANCE AND CO-OPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA.

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## THE NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.

President—Elias Carr, Old Sparta, Edgecombe county.

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## STATE GRANGE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

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## NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE—OFFICERS.

John Robinson, Commissioner.

T. K. Bruner, Acting Secretary.

Dr. H. B. Battle, Acting Chemist and Director of Experiment Station.

John T. Patrick, General Agent Immigration.

## N. C. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

W. G. Upchurch, Raleigh, President; John Nichols, Raleigh, Secretary.

## NORTH CAROLINA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

President—J. Van Lindley, Pomona.

Secretary—S. Otho Wilson, Vineyard.

—Mr. R. P. Law is now connected with the Charlotte Chronicle.

—W. A. Bailey, a well-known citizen of Iredell county, has been convicted of forgery.

—White Oak Alliance is booming. It now has about 80 members and is increasing every meeting.

—The Fayetteville Observer wants the Democratic State Convention to meet in that town next year.

—The mercantile trade of Winston was \$750,000 in 1880. In 1885 it amounted to more than \$2,000,000.

—The Alliance meeting at Poplar Tent, Cabarrus county, is postponed until Friday, the second of December.

—The Methodist Conference to be held in Fayetteville on the 30th inst. it is thought will be very largely attended.

—The tunnel on the W. N. C. Railroad will not be in a condition for trains to pass until about the first of December.

—The farmers of Johnston county contemplate having a grand meeting, dinner, speeches, &c., at Pine Level at an early day.

—The Raleigh business men are earnestly agitating the question of more and better railroad facilities for the capital city.

—The packing house of the Hancock Chemical Works, Hancock, Michigan, was blown up on the 16th inst., killing six men.

—The one hundred and sixteenth anniversary of the founding of the Moravian Church in Salem, was celebrated on the 13th inst.

—Branson's North Carolina agricultural almanac for 1888 is before us and is a well gotten up hand-book of useful information about the State.

—John L. Sullivan, the nose-masker, and Jay Gould, the stock-smasher, are both in Europe, and are being lionized as typical American celebrities.

—Mrs. L. C. Steed, of Randolph county, sent to the editor of the High Point Enterprise a beet measuring 33 inches in length, 22 inches around and weighing 22 pounds.

—Auburn Alliance has about 60 members, and they are a go-ahead, lively lot of splendid men. They are building a hall and school room, two stories high and 24 by 50 feet.

—Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, of President Cleveland's Cabinet, has been appointed to a seat on the Supreme Court bench, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Wood.

—Cotton factories are springing up all over the State. Right! Give your girls, women and boys a chance to make an honest living. Turn your consumers into producers of wealth.

—Mooreville will soon have a cotton factory. It seems that the manufacturing interest in the Old North State is on a boom. There is plenty of room. Let the good work continue.

—Mr. B. F. Askew, one of our oldest and most respected citizens, is dead. He was always fully alive to whatever tended to better his fellows, and to the industrial development of his State.

—Fire broke out in the Goodlander Mills on the 19th inst. and the whole establishment was burned and a great amount of other property destroyed amounting to over \$300,000.

—We have received a copy of the Southern Industrial Review, a monthly agricultural journal published by R. B. May, New Orleans, La., Price 50 cents a year—16 pages, well printed and cheap.

—The Warner Brothers have erected a "Sea-side Home" at Bridgeport, Conn., for working girls. A noble example of charity and true benevolence. This firm gives employment to two thousand women.

—A very destructive fire occurred in Little Rock, Arkansas, simply by a boy dropping a lighted cigarette in a cotton compress. \$300,000 worth of cotton was destroyed, besides a large number of buildings.

—It has been carefully estimated and found that the consumption of wood for all purposes in the United States is something two over thousand millions of cubic feet. At that rate how long will the forests of the country last?

—We acknowledge with thanks the favor of a neat and convenient official stamp, from the Bradley Manufacturing Co., of Fort Worth, Texas. This company manufactures stamps, seals, badges, &c., &c., for the use of Farmers' Alliances.

—Thanksgiving day next Thursday. Let it be generally observed, and forget not the humble, the unfortunate and the needy. Remember them kindly and by a bestowal of some needed gift, let it be unto them also a day of thanksgiving.

—A white man in Pitt county, being desirous to obtain the insurance money on a house, hired a negro to set fire to it, and the house was consumed, and with it a negro was burned to death. Both have been arrested. Arson and murder are both hanging crimes.

—Greenville, Texas, was visited by a fire on the 15th inst. which consumed the cotton compress, which cost \$70,000, and three thousand bales of cotton and eight cars loaded with cotton was burned also. The total loss is estimated at \$250,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

—The famous and well-known "Bailey cotton" has been purchased by Mr. J. L. Stone, of Raleigh, and he now has the entire control of the seed and lint, and also the exclusive right to raise and sell the famous cotton. We congratulate Mr. Stone upon securing the right to the cotton.

—The Baptist State Convention is over and it was generally agreed that it was the best convention that was ever held in the State. As to raising money, there was no end to it. Every cause received more than was asked for it. The total amount raised during the week was something over \$5,000.

—An effort was made by the magistrates and county commissions on last Saturday to take steps to rebuild the bridges recently destroyed in Wake county. It is to be regretted that a quorum was not present, as the people and the business interests of the county are suffering great inconvenience for the want of them.

—The Teachers' Assembly Hall will be built at Morehead City, as it is generally recognized that Morehead is the most suitable place for holding the assemblies. Work will commence soon and a nice and well-arranged building will be built, you may be sure, for the right man has charge of it to have it done, and that man is Mr. E. G. Harrell.

—It is rumored that Judge Walter Clark contemplates retiring from the bench at an early day. The ill health of his family and his constrained absence from home impels him to this course. By the way, we see that Mr. J. S. Carr positively declines to become a candidate for nomination for Governor, and endorses Judge Clark for that position.

—It is astonishing how a small dose of enterprise properly administered affects a town. Henderson will soon have railroad connection with Durham, and now she begins to advocate another to Nashville. That's right. The engine has

stopped at Nashville to see who will be the highest bidder. Put in your bids. The "longest pole will reach the persimmon."

—"Well, Mr. PROGRESSIVE FARMER, what do you think of our Fair?" said a Nash county man to us as we entered the Fair grounds at Rocky Mount. "Don't know yet," we said; "haven't seen it." "Well, put it in your paper, that for the prettiest and sweetest girls, the finest and gamest game chickens, and the best and purest brandy, old Nash will challenge the world."

—The Wake County Teachers' Council held a very interesting meeting last Saturday. It is very necessary that every teacher should attend all of these meetings in order that he may have an opportunity to get the experience of others, and thereby be benefited a great deal. It was decided by the Council that the work should "be adopted to the practical work of the school-room, and to introduce matters of general interest to the public."

—Mr. W. H. Hamilton, of this county, is losing his hogs. They lose their appetite, are languid and dull, use their fore feet as if in great pain, elevate their noses and stagger back and die. No fever, nothing unusual in their droppings or urine. Has made no post mortem examination. Has used spirits of turpentine, drenches of lard, &c., but to no effect. Can any of our readers tell us anything of this disease, and of a remedy for it?

—A thorough-bred trotter belonging to Mr. Edwards of Wilson, became restive and unmanageable in the hands of groom on the Rocky Mount track last Thursday and fell and severed the large tendon in the hind leg. It was fast winning an enviable record and made promise of being the fastest trotter in the whole State. We learn that its owner had refused an offer of \$3,000 for it. Everybody sympathized deeply with him in his loss.

—Siler City has genuine pluck and indomitable energy, and although the proposed Agricultural Fair and old Soldiers' Reunion at that place on the 1st and 2nd of December, was but recently decided upon, we hazard nothing in saying that it will be a success. Hon. A. M. Waddell, Senator Vance and the writer have been invited to be present to deliver addresses. Let all the good people of that section go and take their families and take something to exhibit.

A meeting of farmers was held in Henderson on the 15th to consider the matter of organizing. The meeting was addressed by Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn, Capt. A. L. Steed and Mr. S. Otho Wilson. A county farmers' club was organized and a committee of three—Col. Burgwyn, Capt. White and Mr. Walter Bullock, was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for the government of the club. It was decided to hold a convention of the farmers of the county on Saturday, the 3rd of December, in Henderson, and to invite Commissioner Robinson and the writer to be present and address the meeting. We hope to be able to be with them.

—The Rocky Mount Fair had the advantage of all the Fairs that had preceded it in the State in the important matter of weather, and the receipts at the gates showed it to be an important matter. We heartily congratulate the managers on their success. Nobly have the nineteen men who were the prime movers in the enterprise stood by it. They richly deserve that measure of success and relief which were afforded by the large patronage it received. Beautiful and well-arranged grounds and commodious, well-constructed buildings, located in one of the finest sections of the State, with splendid railroad facilities, nothing is needed to make Rocky Mount Fair one of the most attractive in the State but a just appreciation on the part of the people and their hearty co-operation.

—There will be a mighty gathering of the farmers in Tarboro on the 15th and 16th of December, the occasion of the annual meeting of the State Grange and of the Edgecombe County Farmers' Institute. We want to see representative farmers from all sections of the State at this meeting. We see that the liberal and hospitable Southerner wants the good people of Tarboro, to give the delegates to the State Grange a banquet. But bless your life, brother, did you ever attend a session of the State Grange? It beats any crowd for down-right hard work you ever saw. Maybe they would stop long enough to share your generous hospitality in this tempting shape. They would certainly appreciate it.

—Now that the agricultural fairs for this season are about over, we should at once avail ourselves of the lessons they have given us. We should go about correcting mistakes at once, and see to it that they do not occur again. It is too often the case that a few live, enterprising, public-spirited men, have to bear all the burdens, and should they make any mistakes, are condemned by the public. We have too many do-nothing growers in the country. Now these remarks are intended for every reader of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. If your Fair fell short of your expectations, if the managers made mistakes, do not complain and murmur, and thus cripple your Fair, but like a true man, go to work in earnest and see that the next Fair is a success. Put your own shoulder to the wheel and push.

## PUBLIC LECTURES.

Mr. N. H. C. Elliott, National Lecturer and State Organizer of the Farmers' National Alliance and Co-operative Union of America, will be at New Hill, Friday, the 25th,

Merry Oaks, Saturday, the 26th, for the purpose of organizing Farmers' Alliances. He would be glad to organize an Alliance during the day and one at night, if the meetings can be conveniently arranged, not nearer than three miles of each other. He wants to spend the next week in Chatham county, and will be at Siler City on the 1st and 2nd of December. Farmers, come out and meet him and hear for yourselves.

[FOR THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.]

VIENNA, N. C., Nov. 21, 1887.

Spanish Grove Farmers' Club is still in the land of the living and is full of life; meets regularly twice every month. We are at work and mean business. We are going to be on hand at the State Association with our delegates, and hope to find a large gathering of farmers there.

We would like to see through the columns of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER something more in regard to the Farmers' Alliance and its working, and whether it to take the place of the Farmers' Clubs?

R. C. LINEBACK, Cor. Sec'y.

## HOW'S THIS.

One of our truckers has this year sold \$1,360 worth of spinach from one and one-quarter acre of land. The same piece is now in egg plants, of which he has sold \$300 worth and is still shipping, and will continue to ship until frost comes here, say until the middle of October. The spinach and egg plants were both grown inside of twelve months. It looks as though the sum total from the two crops from this one and one-quarter acre of land would reach nearly \$2,000 in a single year. And yet the capacity of the soil is not fully tested. The owner of this one and one-quarter acre can show from his books that during the past five years he has shipped from this small piece of land over \$5,000 worth of produce. He is a Pennsylvania Quaker, and can't tell a lie either. "He does it with his little hoe and shovel." But see here, friends, you could not do this; you need not think you could. The egg plant would refuse to "lay" for you, and your first crop of spinach would no doubt run you in debt. There is nothing like knowing how, and when, and where. The when is now; the where is here, and the how is found out by experience, observation and a strict attention to business.—Cornucopia.

## HAVE YOU TRIED IT?

Have you noticed the exceedingly low club rates at which we offer our paper? Have you taken a copy to your Club or to your Alliance and tried to get up a Club? Do you want to see the farmers organized? Do you want to aid in this grand work? Do you want to place the farmers in a position where their voice will be heard? Do you want your paper to wield an influence for good? When we came to Raleigh we announced our purpose to put at least 4,000 subscribers on our list by the first of January, 1888, and we are now more hopeful than ever that it can be done, provided our friends all over the State will give us just a little help. Will you not try to get us a Club? Here are our rates:

1 to 5 subscribers,	\$2.00 per year
5 " 10 "	1.65 " "
10 " 15 "	1.50 " "
15 " 20 "	1.25 " "
20 or more "	1.00 " "

Strictly Cash. Send us a Club.

## TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

Piney Grove Alliance mourns the death of our esteemed and beloved brother, E. C. Richardson. He was taken ill at Wakefield High School and came home and died on the 7th inst. He had been a faithful member of Hepzabah Church for five years. All that tender and loving hearts could suggest was done for him. His devoted parents, throughout his confinement, were as devoted as possible, and his friends tendered all the aid and sympathy they could, but it was the will of the Master. Just before he died he sang: "I am coming, Lord, to thee," and his peaceful spirit took its flight.

He was tenderly buried by his school-mates, his loving teacher, Rev. Mr. Stringfield, officiating. His sermon was full of deep and tenderest love.

His Alliance brethren met and passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the death of our beloved brother, E. C. Richardson, this Alliance has lost a faithful member, and the community a most exemplary young man, and the church one of its firmest supporters; but in recognition of the wisdom and goodness of God, we bow in humble submission to this dispensation, and invoke his tenderest mercies on the heart-stricken and bereaved family.

Resolved, That as a tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased brother, this Alliance will wear the usual badge of mourning thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother, and also a copy to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for publication.

W. H. BUNCH.

## ORGANIZERS COMMISSIONED.

(OFFICIAL.)

The following officers have been duly appointed and commissioned as organizers of the Farmers' National Alliance and Co-operative Union of America, for North Carolina:

National Lecturer and State Organizer, N. H. C. Elliott.

N. Gibbon, Derita, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Mecklenburg county.

J. P. Barnes, Sterling, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Brunswick and Columbus counties.

J. Springs Davidson, Hopewell, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Gaston and Lincoln counties.

C. E. McCullers, Guley's Mills, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Johnson county.

D. P. Meachum, Raleigh, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Franklin county.

W. G. L. Allen Falls, Deputy Organizer, Wake and Granville counties.

W. E. Ardrey, Pineville, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Mecklenburg county.

C. W. McKay, Martindale, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Mecklenburg and South Iredell counties.

R. K. Blake, Lumberton, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Robeson county.

Geo. C. Ratcliffe, Deep Creek, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Anson county.

Dr. J. F. Harrell, Whiteville, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Brunswick and Columbus counties.

Hill E. King, Pea Nut, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Onslow county.

D. McNeil, Montpelier, N. C., Deputy Organizer for Richmond, Moore and Chatham counties.

Other organizers will be appointed and assigned in the above territory, as necessity may require.

All organizers are required by our State Constitution to make a monthly report, through the State organ of the Alliance (THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER), of the work done during that month for the general information of the order.

By order of S. B. ALEXANDER, Pres't N. C. State Farmers' Alliance. L. L. Polk, Sec'y S. F. A.

## ALLIANCE ORGANIZERS.

(OFFICIAL.)

The demand for organizers, is so earnest and general among our farmers in all sections of our State, and applications for commissions are being made in such singular form, that it is deemed for the more expeditious and more thorough and efficient organizations of our State, that a number of earnest, competent and devoted brethren be commissioned at the earliest practicable time, and sent to different portions of the State.

This is, therefore, to notify such as may desire commissions, that applications should be made, by letter, to the President of the State Alliance, Charlotte, N. C., or in person to our State Organizer, Bro. N. H. C. Elliott. In either case the applicant must furnish testimonials as to character, capacity and fitness for the work. In all cases it is absolutely essential to good work and success, that the organizer should be thoroughly instructed in the secret work of the order and in the principles, purposes and business plans of the order. The State Organizer being thoroughly versed in all the work of the order, in detail will gladly impart full instructions to all who may be appointed. It is highly important that each one appointed should spend a few days with the State Organizer, in his work and thus learn practically the duties he must perform. We want good, earnest, active, capable men for this work, and men of character and integrity, who will devote themselves faithfully to it.

By order of S. B. ALEXANDER, Pres't N. C. State Farmers' Alliance. L. L. Polk, Sec'y State Alliance.

L. L. Polk will speak at Siler City December 1st.